

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1-10 are cancelled.

Claims 11-17 (renumbered as 1-7 respectively) are patentable.

The entire prior-art combination **disclosed** (in the office-actions of this case) fails to anticipate or render the claimed limitations in combination with all the recited limitations of the disclosed independent claims obvious (**viewed the entire claim as a whole**), over any of the prior art of record, alone or in combination.

Consequently, the disclosed independent claims are allowed on behalf of above-discussed reasons, and also preserved via Applicants arguments and remarks filed on 09/03/2009 as well. Since the disclosed dependent claims are dependant on one of the above independent claims, therefore they are also patentable.

Conclusion

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sharad Rampuria whose telephone number is (571) 272-7870. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F. (8:30-5 EST).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dwayne Bost can be reached on (571) 272-7023. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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